

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  DEREGULATION OF LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES IN COMPETITIVE MARKETS	DOCKET NO. INU-04-1
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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION AND MODIFYING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

(Issued June 10, 2004)

On May 26, 2004, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a motion to modify the procedural schedule established in this docket by the "Order Initiating Notice and Comment Proceeding" issued May 7, 2004. On June 1, 2004, South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc. (South Slope), filed a "Joinder in Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule."

In support of its motion, Consumer Advocate states that the existing procedural schedule poses a strain on Consumer Advocate's economics witness as that witness is also involved in other telecommunications proceedings and a major electric rate case currently before the Board. Consumer Advocate requests that the procedural schedule be modified by changing the filing date for initial statements of position from June 14 to June 30, 2004, and by changing the filing date for counterstatements of position from July 19 to July 23, 2004. Consumer Advocate also noted that Qwest Corporation has stated its agreement in the modification of the schedule.

The Board has reviewed Consumer Advocate's request and finds that it is reasonable. The procedural schedule will be modified to reflect that initial statements of position shall be filed on or before June 30, 2004, and counterstatements of position shall be filed on or before July 23, 2004. All other provisions of the Board's original procedural schedule remain in effect.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The "Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule" filed by the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice on May 26, 2004, is granted.
2. The procedural schedule in this matter is revised as follows:
  - a. Initial statements of position shall be filed on or before June 30, 2004.
  - b. Counterstatements of position shall be filed on or before July 23, 2004.

All other procedural provisions of the Board's May 7, 2004, order remain in effect.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004.